Gap between economic and employment growth

2238. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the growth rate of Net National Product (NNP) at constant prices and employment during 1973—78, 1978—83 and 1983—88;

(b) whether the gap between employment and economic growth is widening both in the rural and urban areas; and

(c) if so, how the problem is proposed to be tackled during the Eigth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) Average annual rates of growth of usual status employment (including subsidiary employment) and of Net National Product at *1980-81 prices* based on *information* available from NSSQ Surveys and National Accounts Statistice are given below:—

Employment		Net National products (N.N.P.) at 1980-81 prices	
Period	Average Annual rates of growth	Period	Average Annual Rates of Growth
(1) Sept. 1972—Oct. 1973 to July 1977—June 1978	2.8	1972-73* to 1977-78*	4.8
(2) July 1977—June 1978 to January 1983-Dec. 1983	2.2	1977-78* to 1983-84*	3.8
(3) January 1983—Dec. 1983 to July 1987—June 1988	1.6	1983-84* to 1987-88*	3.7

*Financial Years

Similar information on NNP for rhral and urban areas seperately is not available. It would seem that the gap between growth rates of employment and net national product has widened in recent years. Employment is a central objective of the Eight Plan. Details of strategy to accelerate employment growth are being worked out and will be incorporated in the plan document.

Payment of wages by industrial units

2239. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many industrial units are paying lesser than minimum wages by making bilateral agreements; if so, the details thereof industry-wise and state-wise; and

(b) whether Government would ensure that the workers could always get the minimum wages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) As per the available information only in Manipur State Cinema Hall employees are paid their wages less than the minimum rates of wages under an agreement between the employees and their employers contested the minimum rates of wages fixed by the State Government. The case was seized by the Government for its review and thereby an agreement was signed between the Associations of the Cinema Employers and their employees for the rates on which the wages of cinema employees will be paid till the Government has taken a final decision.

(b) The Central Government have been impressing upon the State Governments